

## CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A system for providing memorial information about a deceased party interred at a cemetery location, said system comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object positioned at the cemetery location, the memory device being accessible to any public user, the memorial information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device holdable by one of the public users, separate from the memory device, that retrieves the memorial information directly from the memory device via a non-permanent proximity link when positioned at the cemetery location, and that communicates the memorial information to at least one of the public users located at the cemetery location;

wherein data corresponding to the memorial information is stored internally within the memory device, and wherein the memory device is free from physical connection to a source of the data at least while the memory device is positioned at the cemetery location, and wherein the memory device is free from an external physical connection to a power source at least while the memory device is positioned at the cemetery location;

wherein said communication of the memorial information to at least one of the public users located at the cemetery location sequentially follows and is substantially temporally commensurate with said retrieval of the memorial information directly from the memory device; and

wherein the memory device comprises a contact memory device which utilizes programmable random access memory to store the memorial information; and ~~wherein the portable memory reading device is capable of programming the memory device by writing the memorial information to the programmable random access memory.~~

Claim 2-3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory device is permanently affixed to the physical object.

Claim 5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the physical object comprises a stationary object.

Claim 6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

Claim 7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the information resides on the memory device in extensible markup language format.

Claim 8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A system for providing historical information about a historically notable location, said system comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object positioned at the historically notable location, in a publicly accessible area, the historical information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, held by a user, that retrieves the historical information directly from the memory device via a non-permanent proximity link when positioned at the historically notable location and communicates the historical information to a user located at the historically notable location;

wherein data corresponding to the historical information is stored internally within the memory device, and wherein the memory device is free from physical connection to a source of the data at least while the memory device is positioned at the historically notable location, and wherein the memory device is free from an external physical connection to a power source at least while the memory device is positioned at the historically notable location;

wherein said communication of the historical information to the user located at the historically notable location sequentially follows and is substantially temporally commensurate with said retrieval of the historical information directly from the memory device; and

wherein the memory device comprises a contact memory device which utilizes programmable random access memory to store the historical information, and ~~wherein the portable memory reading device is capable of programming the memory device by writing the historical information to the programmable random access memory.~~

Claim 10-11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the memory device is permanently affixed to the physical object.

Claim 13. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the physical object comprises a stationary physical object.

Claim 14. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

Claim 15. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the historical information resides on the memory device in extensible markup language format.

Claim 16. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the historical information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

Claims 17-23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (currently amended) A method for providing information related to a remote location, the information comprising memorial information about a deceased party where the remote location comprises a cemetery location, and the information comprising historical information about the remote location where the remote location comprises a historical notable location, said method comprising:

(A) storing the information on a memory device, the information being stored in a format for direct retrieval from the memory device and display to a user with a portable memory reading device, wherein the portable memory reading device is separate from the memory device, when the portable memory reading device reads directly from the memory device via a non-permanent proximity link; and

(B) affixing the memory device to a physical object positioned at the remote location;

wherein data corresponding to the information is stored internally within the memory device, and wherein the memory device is free from physical connection to a source of the data at least while the memory device is positioned at the remote location, and wherein the memory device is free from an external physical connection to a power source at least while the memory device is positioned at the remote location;

wherein said communication of the information to the user located at the remote location sequentially follows and is substantially temporally commensurate with said retrieval of the memorial information directly from the memory device; and

wherein the memory device comprises a contact memory device which utilizes programmable random access memory to store the information, and ~~wherein the portable memory reading device is capable of programming the memory device by writing the information to the programmable random access memory.~~

Claims 25-27. (canceled)

Claim 28. (currently amended) A system for providing information related to a geographically remote and publicly accessible location, said system comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location, the information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, held by a user, that directly retrieves the information from the memory device via a non-permanent proximity link when positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location and communicates the information to a user located at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location;

wherein data corresponding to the information is stored internally within the memory device, and wherein the memory device is free from physical connection to a source of the data at least while the memory device is positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location, and wherein the memory device is free from an external physical connection to a power source at least while the memory device is positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location;

wherein said communication of the information to the user located at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location sequentially follows and is substantially temporally commensurate with said retrieval of the information directly from the memory device; and

wherein the memory device comprises a contact memory device which utilizes programmable random access memory to store the information, and wherein the portable memory reading device is capable of programming the memory device by writing the information to the programmable random access memory.

Claim 29-30. (canceled)

Claim 31. (original) The system of claim 28, wherein the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

Claim 32. (original) The system of claim 28, wherein the information resides on the memory device in extensible markup language format.

Claim 33. (original) The system of claim 28, wherein the information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

Claims 34-54. (canceled)

Claim 55. (currently amended) A system for providing information related to a geographically remote and publicly accessible location, said system comprising:

    a memory device affixed at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location;

    a portable memory reader, separate from said memory device;

    a data connector, wherein said data connector, upon wired connection to said portable reader and upon contact with said memory device, passed the information directly from said memory device positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location to said portable reader located at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location via a non-permanent proximity link;

    wherein data corresponding to the information is stored internally within the memory device, and wherein the memory device is free from physical connection to a source of the data at least while the memory device is positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location, and wherein the memory device is free from an external physical connection to a power source at least while the memory device is positioned at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location;

    wherein communication of the information to a user of the portable reader located at the geographically remote and publicly accessible location sequentially

follows and is substantially temporally commensurate with said passing of the information directly from the memory device; and

wherein the memory device comprises a contact memory device which utilizes programmable random access memory to store the information, and  
~~wherein the portable reader is capable of programming the memory device by writing the information to the programmable random access memory.~~

Claim 56. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, further comprising a database communicably connected to the memory device via a communicable connection, wherein the memorial information residing on the memory device is replicated on the database, wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code, and wherein the replicated memorial information is accessible through an internet upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

Claim 57. (withdrawn) The system of claim 56, wherein the replicated memorial information may be revised at the database via the internet, and wherein the revised replicated memorial information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

Claim 58. (withdrawn) The system of claim 9, further comprising a database communicably connected to the memory device via a communicable connection, wherein the historical information residing on the memory device is replicated on the database, wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code, and wherein the replicated historical information is accessible through an internet upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

Claim 59. (withdrawn) The system of claim 58, wherein the replicated historical information may be revised at the database via the internet, and wherein the revised replicated historical information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

Claim 60. (withdrawn) The method of claim 24, further comprising a database communicably connected to the memory device via a communicable connection, wherein the information residing on the memory device is replicated on the database, wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code, and wherein the replicated information is accessible through an internet upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

Claim 61. (withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the replicated information may be revised at the database via the internet, and wherein the

revised replicated information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

Claim 62. (withdrawn) The system of claim 28, further comprising a database communicably connected to the memory device via a communicable connection, wherein the information residing on the memory device is replicated on the database, wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code, and wherein the replicated information is accessible through an internet upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

Claim 63. (withdrawn) The system of claim 62, wherein the replicated information may be revised at the database via the internet, and wherein the revised replicated information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

Claim 64. (withdrawn) The system of claim 55, further comprising a database communicably connected to the memory device via a communicable connection, wherein the information residing on the memory device is replicated on the database, wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code, and wherein the replicated information is accessible through an internet upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

Claim 65. (withdrawn) The system of claim 64, wherein the replicated information may be revised at the database via the internet, and wherein the revised replicated information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.